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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 29, 2021

TO: Wildlife Board Members

FROM: Kyle Maynard

SUBJECT: Amendments to Electronic Meetings Rule – R657-39

As Utah progresses through the COVID-19 pandemic and state operations transition to a “new normal,” the Division of Wildlife Resources (“DWR”) is in the process of developing a new hybrid protocol for Regional Advisory Council and Wildlife Board meetings that we believe will improve our public process. DWR saw added flexibility and efficiency from adopting the electronic meeting format during the last year, but also recognizes the value of accommodating in-person attendance and comment. The hybrid model would allow for both in-person and electronic participation and will be presented once it has been fully developed.

Edits to R657-39 include:

- Inclusion of the RACs in the existing Electronic Meetings provision.
- Addition of language specifying an electronic meeting platform where the public may provide comments and view meeting remotely.

